

The Intelligencer.

MCGRAW GETS THERE.

SOMETHING LIKE A WALKOVER.

For the Young Lawyer for the Internal Revenue Collectorship—The State Administration's Influence Too Light to Stand Against McGraw's Heavy Hacking.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—The fight for the Internal Revenue Collectorship for West Virginia is over, and Col. John T. McGraw, of Grafton, has his foot planted on the manly but prosaic form of Major J. O. Alderson, of Wheeling. The nomination of McGraw will be sent to the Senate on Monday next.

A WALK-OVER.

It really hasn't been much of a fight, though there has been brass noise without end, lots of interviewing, buttonholing and promiscuous pulling and hauling. McGraw practically had a walk-over, though Alderson's friends think they fought the little giant very hard. When they failed to get from the administration anything that looked like a promise, and when Senators Camden and Kenna couldn't see their way clear to urge the appointment of Alderson as a representative of the State Administration, great efforts were made to add length and breadth to Alderson's petition, already a formidable and respectable document.

ARRIVAL OF REINFORCEMENTS.

When A. L. Caldwell turned up here and took Alderson under his wing, so to speak, there was great rejoicing on the State Administration side. All this time telegrams were flying back and forth between here and home, calling out the reserves and asking the latest from the front. An effort was made to draw Stan Baker in, but the impression is that Stalnaker was busy whittling his knife for other game. Major Alderson and his friends of the Wilson-Walker faction do not seem yet to understand this situation, but it is too late to do so. The fates have decreed it.

WHERE THE STATE ADMINISTRATION MISSED IT.

Miller's appointment as Commissioner gave the Alderson people new hope, and they determined to take the bull by the horns and plunge at once into the White House. This was because they did not believe in the influence brought about by Miller's appointment. It was resolved that the Wilson State Administration should throw itself en masse on the President and demand a share of the spoils in the State. He had on Governor Wilson came. The President was gracious and pleased to see the Governor, and the Alderson men professed to be hopeful.

MCGRAW'S STRONG BACKING.

McGraw was too strong. He had the Senators with him. The Democrats in the House stood by him. He had the majority of the State Executive Committee, and the largest backing of State Senators and Delegates ever given to any one applicant from the State. He had on the Wilson side, a large number of very prominent party men. Major Alderson need not feel hurt. The dead mass that fell on him was enough to crush any body.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, E. WILLIS WILSON: Keep your eye on the appointments. Isn't Johnny McGraw a nice young man and a good Democrat? See you later.—John N. Camden, John E. Kenna and many others.

TRYING TO GET ALEXANDER'S CIVIL SERVICE POLICY BY HIMSELF. The National Republican and many others in the Democratic party are trying to get the credit of the policy by themselves. The Democratic party is standing in the way of Reform with a large and symmetrical R?

GOVERNOR WILSON WILL BE GLAD TO KNOW that his young friend McGraw will be Collector of Internal Revenue. It is true that the Governor didn't host the McGraw banner, but then he believes in the young men coming to the front.

SECRETARY LAMAR IS SEVERELY CRITICIZED for closing the Interior Department in honor of ex-Secretary Thompson. It is recalled that Thompson wanted to infect the North with the yellow fever and small-pox. Thompson oughtn't to have felt that way about it.

BUCKY JONES, the woman who has made herself famous by holding her tongue, at last comes to her rich reward of freedom. The people who would prefer imprisonment to a betrayal of confidence are not so plentiful that this conscientious, discreet and plucky woman is likely to be cast in the shade by the performance of rivals. Thus this celebrated case ends, with the woman in its gloriously triumphant. Place aux dames!

ALLEN O. MYERS, member of the Ohio Legislature and knight errant of the Cincinnati Enquirer, has kept the House of Representatives in an uproar since the beginning of the session. His latest performance was to call another member a liar and a cur, to refuse to take his seat when ordered, and generally to behave like an Egyptian tax-gatherer in the Sudan.

He addressed his epithets to Judge Litter, a gentleman sixty years of age, who started to reply with his fist when the Sergeant-at-Arms interfered. Democrats were foremost in denouncing the scandalous behavior of the member from Franklin. Myers is one of the leaders of McLean's Anti-Pendleton Kids. He doesn't like "Gentlemen George."

FIFTY YEARS IN COURT.

A celebrated Land Case Settled After Half a Century of Lawing.

Correspondence of the Intelligencer.

FARMINGTON, March 27.—The ejectment case of Harrison (Gibb) vs. the Sharp family, a case that has been in the courts of Marion and Harrison counties for nearly fifty years, terminated in the Circuit Court of this county today in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff. The case has been on trial for nearly a week before Judge Fleming and a jury. Owing to the great excitement of the issue involved an immense crowd of people have been in attendance on the sessions of the court.

THE TREASURY SOLICITORSHIP.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Hon. Henry S. Neal, Solicitor of the Treasury, has tendered his resignation, to take effect at the expiration of his term as Solicitor of the Treasury, which expires on the 30th of April. Mr. Neal has been tendered the office and will probably be nominated Monday.

General Grant's Condition.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Dr. Douglas's bulletin to-night regarding Gen. Grant is as follows: "General Grant last night tried to sleep without the assistance of any opiate. He did not succeed. He was awake until 4 or 5 o'clock this morning. When he took opiate, and at 5 o'clock fell asleep and awoke 5 hours. He then breakfasted and afterwards drove to the park with Mrs. Grant. He had a quiet day and in the afternoon the General, Minister Romero and myself drove through the park. The driver did the driving. His pulse and temperature are good. The throat to-night looks quite well. He went to bed at 10 o'clock to-night and will again try to sleep without the assistance of an opiate. He will not wait as long as last night, if not successful."

FOURTEEN BURNED DEAD.

EVANVILLE, Ind., March 27.—A special to the Evening Public from Oakland City, Ind., says: A terrible conflagration broke out this morning in Joseph Wahnschlag's saloon on Main street and spread all over the square. In a short time many buildings were in flames.

Mark Twain Blows Up.

MEMPHIS, March 27.—The steamer Mark Twain, running as a ferry between Memphis and Mound City, Ark., five miles up the river, exploded her boilers this afternoon while lying at the Mound City wharf, killing William P. Ties to and A. J. Dench, also the fireman, a deck hand and another unknown negro. Capt. Gus Fegelman had a leg broken, the barkeeper was badly wounded and had an arm broken. About twenty passengers were aboard the boat when the explosion occurred, five of whom were ladies.

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Small pox is raging as an epidemic at Mount City, Ill. Out of a population of 1,600 inhabitants are reported. Eight deaths have occurred during the present week. The disease is confined almost entirely among the negroes, only two white families being afflicted.

JOYS OF FLORIDA.

A JULY CLIMATE IN FEBRUARY.

A Haven of Rest for Northern Invalids. Sanford and Southern Florida—Some Famous Orange Groves—Sympathy of the People With General Grant.

SHE HELD HER TONGUE.

Release of the Famous "Becky" Jones, who Refused to Talk.

SANFORD, Fla., March 19.—Thousands make the great mistake and return to their homes comparatively unacquainted with Florida, who linger amid the fashionable society of Jacksonville and St. Augustine, and who fail to go up the St. Johns to Sanford and from there to Tampa and the coast or from Enterprise opposite Sanford on the St. Johns river to Indian river. We have just spent a most delightful week at Tampa, and realized what we have often read, that the South has a July climate in February and seen tropical flowers and plants in luxuriant and prolific growth, and where sitting in the sun—110 degrees in the middle of March—cheered and cooled by the fresh sea breeze, we had health and vigor, renewed strength and a haven of rest and repose not to be found in the northern part of Florida. We would advise our friends who suffer from rheumatism, neuralgia, or any other condition or dyspepsia not to tarry at Jacksonville, but to go at once to the St. Johns, where we can be independent and not restricted by fashion, or to those who seek investment, to visit the section where the prospect of realizing on purchases are immediately flattering. You shall see so many who come to Florida who are met on every hand by land agents who tempt them to buy before entering the Southern States. As the winter has no interest in an acre of land, but like many others, formed opinions of Florida so favorable before investigating the southern section, and being amazed at the surprising advantages would suggest to the readers of the INTELLIGENCER not to be satisfied without spending a few days in the country of which we write.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The general term of the Supreme Court has ordered the discharge of "Becky" Jones, the refractory witness in the Hammersly will case, who has been confined in the Ludlow street jail nearly a year.

Above is a picture of Miss "Becky" Jones, in her quarters in Ludlow street. The spacious room has done duty as both parlor and sleeping chamber. It adjoins the boarders' dining room, back of the office, and has gas-lighting and what not to make her comfortable. She was delighted with her quarters, and declared that she would not have been disappointed if the efforts made for her release resulted in failure, for she was perfectly willing to stay till she died with the friends who officially or otherwise shared her unrighteous captivity. "Becky" belongs to that class of domestics, now unhappily scarce, who, finding themselves in the hands of a cruel master, and family so fortunate as to secure their help until they stand more on the footing of companions and friends than ordinary domestics. Her pictorial wealth is of members of "her family," of whose good qualities she is never weary of talking. Mr. Hammersly was passing away rapidly. "Becky" was at his bedside. Telling her that she was a property, would certainly follow his dislocation, then about to be made. "What then, my dear sir," says Becky, "but tell the judge that I would not answer the questions put to me till the day of resurrection? I told him so and he put me in jail. My people are dead, and it was a matter of life and death to me. I was in prison then, and went to meetings, and now and then had a good talk with the people up stairs. I liked the Warden and Deputy-Warden, and everybody treated me well, and I was perfectly happy. I lived in Oxford street, and what a lovely place, and Leamington, you could take one's dinner on the street, it is so clean."

LAST OF ANSHAND MURDERERS.

William Neal Swinging from the Gallows.

GRAYSON, Ky., March 27.—Wm. Neal, the last of the Ashland murderers, was brought here last night from Mt. Sterling for execution. Large crowds greeted him at each station. He was firm and composed and maintained his innocence to all the many who visited him. He ordered eggs and coffee for supper, breakfast and dinner, and refused the attendance of a minister until this morning. At 10 o'clock he was taken to the gallows, where a large crowd was waiting to witness the execution, and was escorted to the gallows by one hundred guards armed with double-barreled shotguns and pistols. Neal ascended the scaffold with great composure. He said:

"I say to one and all that you know this is no place to tell a lie. I stand here today to suffer for a heinous crime. I did not intend to die today, but my innocence will be established beyond a doubt. I bid you all good-bye. Oh, Lord! thou knowest I am innocent, and to thy hands I commit my soul. I am innocent." The last words were just spoken the drop fell. He was pronounced dead in ten minutes. None of his relatives were present.

Indians Frozen to Death.

CABILLAG, Mich., March 27.—News has been received of the finding of an Indian camp in Pine River and the bodies of five Indians who died of hunger and cold, and an Indian girl nearly dead from the same cause. Another member of the same party was found to have died last week, and it is believed he perished.

Will Protest Themselves.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 27.—The window glass manufacturers have formed a secret association for the purpose of defeating future strikes of their employees. Heretofore the manufacturers have had no organization, and the strikes generally resulted favorably to the workmen.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Arkansas Legislature yesterday passed a resolution of sympathy with General Grant.

Mrs. Riddle, aged 85 years, insane, was burned to death last evening at Lebanon, Pa. Her clothing caught fire from a pipe.

The failures for the last seven years reported to R. G. Dun & Co., number 10 United States, 248; 190